Grants to schools.

* 284 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any difference in the matter of grants given to private Secondary Schools and Board Secondary Schools; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) There is difference in respect of teaching grants. The grant is assessed at 2/3 of the approved net cost of maintenance in respect of secondary schools under private managements which have adopted the Government or the local body scales of pay for teachers while it is assessed at half of the approved net cost in respect of schools under local bodies.

(*b*) Local bodies have sufficient resources. But private agencies have no such income.

Channel irrigation.

* 286 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount received from the Centre as subsidy for the development of Channel Irrigation in Canal area in 1956–57;

(*b*) the amount allotted out of this for the development of Mettur West Bank Canal in Bhavani taluk, Coimbatore district; and

(*c*) the various development works benefited by this grant?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: (*a*) The Government of India give only loans for the execution of irrigation schemes. They do not give any subsidy. In 1956–57 they have given loans amounting to Rs. 554·47 lakhs. This amount includes loan assistance towards power schemes also.

(*b*) No separate allotment has been made out of the loans for the development of Mettur West Bank Canal.

(*c*) All irrigation schemes are benefited by the loans.

Sewing machines.

* 288 *Q.*—SRI P. S. SANTHANAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of sewing machines distributed in the North Arcot district under the Harijan Welfare Scheme in 1956–57; and

(*b*) the taluks in which they have been so distributed?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: (*a*) 29, Sir.

(*b*) Vellore, Gudiyatham, Tirupathur, Arni, Wallajah and Arkonam.